



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clallam County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Amanda L. Perry-Gentry** (NA60218506). Perry-Gentry failed to comply with a previous agreement.

### **Cowlitz County**

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Wendi A. Newman** (NA00094953, NC60129078). Newman stole more than \$5,000 from a client. She was convicted of theft, and violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act—possession of vicodin.

### **King County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Rita Alefosio** (NC10068496) for one year. While working at an adult family home, Alefosio witnessed an elderly patient fall. After the fall, Alefosio failed to contact emergency

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medical personnel, failed to immediately report the incident to other staff members, and failed to report the incident to the patient's family. Alefosio also didn't disclose the fall when asked by the patient's daughter if the patient had fallen. The patient required emergency hip surgery.

In November 2011 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Ralph Jacob Curtiss** (MA60221863). Curtiss failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission withdrew the May 6, 2011, statement of charges without prejudice against registered nurse **Linda Kimman** (RN00143729).

In October 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Thomas P. Scheerens** (RN00124123). Scheerens failed to comply with a previous order.

In November 2011 the Dental Commission suspended the license of dentist **Gerard D. Schultz** (DE00002469). Schultz suddenly retired and abandoned a patient, failed to provide records to the patient, failed to provide patient records to the Department of Health upon request, and indicated a third party disposed of the requested records about eight months after the request was made.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Katheryn M. Battles** (NC10097640). Battles failed to comply with a previous order.

In November 2011 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the credentials of pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant **Stephanie A. Fouhy** (VB00072753, VA60093825). Fouhy diverted hydrocodone and alprazolam for her own use from the pharmacy where she worked.

In October 2011 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program suspended the credential of **Dawnell D. Mc Lean** (LR00002800). Mc Lean was convicted of second degree robbery and driving under the influence in 2010.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Christina Lynn Smith** (NA00201782, NC60064005). Smith was criminally charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in 2010. She was granted an order of participation into Drug Court.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Tracy A. Tonemah** (NA60185338, NC60189251). Tonemah failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In November 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Gary Dean Williams** (CO60134963). Williams failed to comply with a previous agreement.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sean T. Demirel** (NC60159847). Demirel failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sarah M. Durnford** (NC10096449). Durnford failed to comply with a previous order.

In November 2011 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Sarah Moneta Young** (D160204374). Young failed to comply with a previous agreement.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Michael D. Allread** (NA00193408). Allread was convicted of second degree child rape and third degree child rape in 2011.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Ronica M. Coleman** (NC10074002). Coleman was convicted of driving under the influence

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Sara B. King** (LP00057276). King failed to comply with a previous order.

In October 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michael S. Lindsly** (CO60209866). Lindsly failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In November 2011 the Secretary of Health withdrew the October 17, 2011, notice of intent to issue cease and desist order against **Elise McBeth**.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Deron A. Parks** (NC10091608). Parks was convicted of second degree rape, third degree theft, and furnishing liquor to minors in 2010.

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sonja K. Theierl** (NC10076603). Theierl She struck a patient on the hand and cheek.

### **Thurston County**

In November 2011 the Massage Program suspended the credential of **Robert S. Florek** (MA60179307). Florek touched a patient's breasts and clitoris, and penetrated the patient's vagina with his finger during a massage.

### **Whatcom County**

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Miranda S. Kiesel** (NC60211425). Kiesel failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In November 2011 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Sherry A. Patrick** (RN00169003). On several occasions, Patrick didn't document wastage of hydromorphone, nor did she properly document administration of hydromorphone to several patients.

### **Yakima County**

In November 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **David J. Corona** (NA60058737). Corona was convicted of third degree assault-domestic violence in 2011.

### **Out of State**

**Massachusetts:** In October 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Anthony K. Ngurimu** (LP60123582). Ngurimu's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Massachusetts was indefinitely suspended for failing to comply with a probation agreement.

**Ohio:** In November 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Melissa F. Holl** (RN60067626). Holl's license to practice nursing in Ohio was indefinitely suspended for action taken against her nursing license in Florida.

**Oregon:** In November 2011 the Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Board indefinitely suspended the license of **Marcus Weiner** (OP00001798). Weiner's license to practice as an osteopathic physician in Oregon was indefinitely suspended.

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